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judgment the necessity is not imperative. But the chief responsibility must be with the magistrates, whether of counties or boroughs, for they are most likely to know the circumstances.

EVENTS OF THE MONTH.

The Fifty-Third Congress adjourned *sine die* on the 4th of March. The Senate, after a long discussion, by a vote of 33 to 29, reduced the number of battleships voted for by the House from three to two. The half million appropriation for a cable to Hawaii was dropped by the Senate. The total appropriations of the Congress were \$990,338,691. Six delegates were appointed to attend an international monetary conference, should one be held. Five of them were free silver men. Three other delegates are to be appointed by the President.

A bill conferring municipal suffrage on women was defeated in the Massachusetts House of Representatives on the 5th of March by a vote of 127 to 87. On the 7th the Maine House passed a similar bill by a vote of 79 to 54. The New Hampshire House, in spite of strong efforts in favor of liquor, has stood firm for prohibition. Woman's Suffrage has sustained another defeat in the Nova Scotia Assembly. So it has in Illinois. The New York House has, by a large majority, passed an Amendment to the Constitution, giving women the right to vote.

An outrageous massacre of negroes took place at New Orleans on the 12th of March. The men were going to work unloading ships on the levee in the early morning, when they were attacked by a mob of two hundred whites, armed with pistols and Winchester rifles. Volley after volley was fired into the negroes, several of whom were killed and wounded. Two white men standing near the ships were killed and several wounded. One of the killed was an English subject, the purser of the "Engineer." The Governor called out the troops and declared his purpose to protect those wishing to employ colored laborers. The commercial bodies of the city united in demanding that such outrages should cease.

The constitutionality of the income tax has been argued before the Supreme Court by some of the ablest counsel in the country. The Court is expected to reach an early decision on the subject, which decision is awaited with great interest and a good deal of uncertainty by the people.

The Spanish cruiser, the "Reina Regente," one of the best war-ships of its kind, has been lost at sea with all on board. It is thought to have been flooded by water in heavy seas, and simply to have sunk from overweight. Uniforms and other articles from the cruiser have been washed up on the Spanish coast. Four hundred lives were lost.

The American mail steamer "Allianca," of the Colombian line, on her way from Colon to New York, was fired at off Port Maisi, Cuba, on the 12th ult., by a Spanish cruiser patrolling the coast. The captain of the "Allianca" paid no attention to two signal shots, and then three solid shots were fired. The American boat being the faster escaped. Secretary Gresham promptly demanded of the Spanish Government reparation for the insult and the pledge that American commerce should not

be interfered with. The Spanish Government has given the pledge not to interfere with legitimate American commerce, but has declined to do anything further until it has had time to make thorough investigation and get its own side of the story.

Germany has been greatly excited over the refusal of the Reichstag to congratulate Bismarck on his 80th birthday. The Emperor will probably dissolve the Parliament and it is said that Count von Waldersee is to be made Chancellor. The Emperor, many members of the Reichstag and representatives of the army visited Prince Bismarck on his birthday. He was greatly moved by the manifestation of the nation's affection. Above all else he urged devotion to the unity of the Empire.

Insurrections have been rife in the nations south of us. In Peru after severe fighting in Lima the President resigned and a new Government has been formed with guarantees of safety to all who will recognize it. The Cuban insurrection has not been checked. Severe fighting has occurred in which the Government troops are reported to have been generally victorious. The revolt is evidently much more serious than Spain supposed. There is some excitement in Madrid. Spanish troops in considerable numbers have been sent to Cuba. Cubans resident in this country are said to be going in large numbers, well armed, to aid the rebellion. In Colombia the noted bandit Garza raised an insurrection and was killed in a conflict with the Government troops. Brazil has had another installment of the old Da Gama trouble.

The United States Government has offered a prize of one hundred thousand dollars to any inventor from any part of the world who shall before the year 1900 construct a vessel which will carry freight and passengers through the air at the rate of thirty miles an hour.

The funds of the Astor and Lenox libraries have been combined with the Samuel J. Tilden trust fund, for the foundation of a great free library for New York City. About 450,000 bound volumes will be placed upon its shelves. The Astor library furnishes two million dollars, the Lenox library four million and the Tilden fund two million, to the funds of the new library.

The sixteenth anniversary and seventh graduating exercises of the Carlisle Indian Industrial School took place on the 27th and 28th of February. There were nineteen graduates. More than 2500 people witnessed the exercises. Many distinguished guests were present, among whom were statesmen, publicists, jurists, educators, literati, ministers, editors, etc. The occasion was one of unusual interest and enthusiasm.

President Cleveland has appointed Mr. R. Brinkerhoff, President of the National Prison Association, and nine other gentlemen, to represent the United States in the Congress of the International Prison Association which will meet in Paris on the first day of June and continue its meetings for ten days. Delegates from all the civilized nations will attend the Congress.

Secretary Gresham has demanded the recall of the Hawaiian minister Thurston, because of his imprudence in giving news to the press before giving it to the State Department. Mr. Thurston has concluded to return to Hawaii without waiting to be recalled, and it is surmised that he will be made Minister of Foreign Affairs at home.